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We have been trying to figure out the French and Indian war in this neighborhood, it being a fact that the land we now live on constituted the cause of war. The war was begun in 1754 and animosities were created with the Indians which led to attacks by the savages on the people of the Greenbrier Valley until the year 1760, the last atrocity to be committed by the Indians was the killing of Henry Baker, as he went to the river to wash in the morning before breakfast, at a place about a mile above the bridge across the Greenbrier at Marlinton; and the killing of the two Bridger boys in the low place six miles south of this town.

The active operations between the troops in the field were confined to the years 1754 and 1758, inclusive, so far as we were concerned locally.

The jingoes of England and France had been trying to stir up a war between the countries for some years, though the diplomats were stopping over with protestations of mutual regard.

In 1754, the colony of Virginia had reached a stage of culture and prosperity and there is no doubt but what the people there considered that they had brought that country up to the highest notch of civilization. They were fat, well fed up, and full of beans, and wanted war. They had colleges, schools, newspapers, orators and saloons—all the elements necessary for stirring up combat. When a new governor or other big bug arrived from England, he was welcomed with illumined cities, and classic odes were enacted before him. Here is the way one of them started off:

"Virginia, see, thy Governor appears!
The peaceful olive on his brow he wears!
Sound the shrill trumpets, beat the rattling drums;
From Great Britannia's isle his Lordship comes.
Bid Echo from the waving woods arise,
And joyful acclamations reach the skies;
Let the loud organs join their tuneful roar,
And bellowing cannons rend the pebbled shore;
Bid soothe the James River catch the cheerful sound,
And roll it to Virginia's utmost bound."

In 1750, a complete history of Virginia had been published, whereas we now do not go back of 1750, in our modern books except in a most perfunctory way. The colony considered itself rich, populous and powerful.

There has been much written about Washington's mission to the French at Fort Le Boeuf, near Lake Erie, and the dangers and hardships of that mission, but if you will look carefully into his report, you will find that it was not so bad with the single exception of his falling into the Alleghany River when the ice was running, which would have been the last of any ordinary man. He did not go alone as is stated in this last history of West Virginia, (the big one just out—\$20.00 and the story of your life appears—\$60.00, your picture.) Washington had a company of eight. He found good Indian trails suitable to horseback riding. And settlers were along his path. He was just twenty-one and an experienced woodsman. He performed his mission and notified the French to get out of the Ohio Valley and they politely refused.

Early in 1754, he went back with troops and camped at Cumberland. He sent Captain Trent on with a handful of men to occupy the forks of the river at Pittsburg. The French came down with about a thousand men brushed Captain Taent aside. He withdrew and Washington commenced to work down the Monongahela, very, very cautiously. He got to a place beyond Morgantown (Brownsville is the closest place you will see on the map) at the Great Meadows. Here he built a fort. This was a bog where there were no trees and there was plenty of grass for the horses. Washington made a kind of a fort here called Fort Necessity. It was summertime and it proved to be a wet summer and the fort was not much of a success. It was too wet. He figured that this was the place as the enemy would have to leave the cover of the woods to storm it. He had cavalry with him and he cut out a lot of road over which later Braddock marched his columns to the music of the fife and drum.

Washington was co-operating with an Indian chief, called Half-King. They were about thirty miles from Pittsburg as the crow flies. Washington knew that a much superior force was there and he got ready for war. He was twenty-two years old and in full command. Col. Fry, his superior, was at home sick. Washington was an inexperienced soldier.

Half-King came in one day and told him that his men had found the tracks of two Frenchmen in the mud, about five miles away. Previously, Washington had seventy-five men on horseback looking out for the French, and they had reported that the French were hovering around within five miles of Fort Necessity. At ten o'clock one night, Washington set off with forty picked men and traveled all night in a heavy rain, and often lost the path. They joined the forces of the Half-King and located the French hiding in a camp among large rocks. At sunrise they fell on this camp, and the first battle between the French and English was fought in a war which involved the whole world.

The French had ten killed, one wounded, and twenty-one were taken as prisoners. The English, one killed and three wounded. Two French officers Drouillon and La Force were taken. They told Washington that they had not come as a war party, but as ambassadors to confer with him, and this made an international complication that led to the most serious results. The officer in command was killed, one Coulon Jumonville, aged 29, a noted French soldier.

The news having reached France that country heard but one thing, and that was that a peaceful ambassador had been killed by Washington while on a mission of peace. Lippincott's Biographical Dictionary gives this: "Coulon de Jumonville, a French officer, born about 1725, signalized his bravery in the Canadian wars. He is said to have been treacherously killed in 1753 by the English, to whom he was bearing a message."

We all know that the French commenced the first hostility by driving Trent away from the forks of the river and then advanced in force to give battle, and they were in hiding when Washington and that good old savage Half-King attacked them. But a lie travels faster and farther than the truth, and it was not long until the English and the French were fighting on every portion of the seven seas.

This was in May. Washington made roads and carried on his campaign until the 3rd of July. His horses were worn down and his flour about out and his army was in very bad condition. Col. Fry had died and the sole command devolved on Washington. Washington tried to retreat to Cumberland but it took him three days to reach his stockade in the Great Meadows, Fort Necessity, and he could not go any farther. On the morning of the 3rd day of July, the French appeared at the fort and fired all day from the woods but without effect. Washington returned the fire from the fort, but it rained steadily all day and the powder got wet in the excitement. That evening the French proposed a parley, and the agreement was reached that Washington withdraw with his troops and baggage and restore the prisoners which had been sent on to Williamsburg, and that no establishments were to be made by the English for one year on the Western Waters. A fair conjecture as to this one year period is that the soldiers deemed that a sufficient time to perfect a treaty as to the disputed territory between the English and the French. All of Washington's horses and cattle had been killed and they had to walk home.

Washington depended upon Captain Vanbraam as an interpreter and in the paper signed as to the terms of the capitulation, reference was made to the "murder of Jumonville," and it being signed by Washington in ignorance of this term, the French have always contended that this fully established the charge. Certainly we have no other incident of Washington signing any contract in the French language.

Thus ended the campaign of 1754, which the soldiers thought would end the war. But the Virginians returned to fight the following year and got badly defeated under Braddock. In fact, it took all the powers of the House of Burgesses to hold Governor Dunwiddie from sending an army back the same year at the beginning of the winter, and he accused them of their "republican way of thinking," in opposing his plans. Washington told him it would never do to go into that country in a winter season, with the mountains covered with snow, with an enfeebled army and destitute of supplies.

In the meantime settlers were coming over the mountains to the Western Waters and making their homes in the Greenbrier Valley, and a string of forts were being erected on a north and south line along the main Alleghany, the whole width of the domain of Virginia.

The captain gathered the passengers and crew together and told them that the ship was going to sink. They prayed, and sang hymns and preached. Finally one passenger said that if he could not do anything else, he could take up a collection. We suggest to the Republican State Committee and the Governor, who is meeting with them, that if all else fails to move the hard hearted Progressives, that they might take up a collection.

We Democrats used to kindle and told him that his men had found the tracks of two Frenchmen in the mud, about five miles away. Previously, Washington had seventy-five men on horseback looking out for the French, and they had reported that the French were hovering around within five miles of Fort Necessity. At ten o'clock one night, Washington set off with forty picked men and traveled all night in a heavy rain, and often lost the path. They joined the forces of the Half-King and located the French hiding in a camp among large rocks. At sunrise they fell on this camp, and the first battle between the French and English was fought in a war which involved the whole world.

The Progressive party reminds us of a beautiful young lady who is courted by an old party with one foot in the grave. She does not want to get married at all, much less to an old broken down thing, weighted down with the sins of omission and commission. Father Dawson is urging on the match, because the G. O. P. agrees to provide for him in his old age. She went on a picnic with the flirty old fool last fall, and ever since then he has presumed upon the fact and acted as though they were regularly engaged. Yes, there was a ring in it too. But he has got back the ring and she will not accept it again. What she wants is her freedom. She wants a chance to have her little fling and see what worlds there are for her to conquer. She is accused of having a weakness for the Democratic party, who has come back into the neighborhood after a long sickness in the hospital, with his strength mysteriously renewed and who looks young and vigorous again. And they all say that she could form a union of convenience with that desirable party, but they little know the heart of the maid, who ascribe to her mean and mercenary motives. More than one has seen the yearning in her eyes and heard her soft voice singing:

"My Teddy lies over the ocean,
My Teddy lies over the sea;
Ye winds which blow over the ocean,
Oh, bring back my Teddy to me!"

We get into a blind, dumb rage whenever we see that some infernal scoundrel is arguing for war with Mexico. Wars are brought on by men, but they are fought by boys. The regular standing army is composed of men but in any war the recruits are boys, with the future bright before them. Old men who have long since eaten their white bread and who are full of pains and misery, and who have found life to be a delusion and a snare, are not sacrificed. War claims the boys. It gives them over to fever, dissipation, and gun shot wounds. Let us have peace. What could we do in Mexico except to kill and get killed. As Byron says, we might make a solitude and call it peace.

A reporter in the Metropolitan Magazine has been down in Mexico and gives some very clear accounts of the life there on the ranches. At the headquarters of one of the rebel generals at his castle he was given as a roommate an army doctor, who before the war was a druggist. He is now a major in the rebel army. They were preparing to sleep in the same bed together, and as they dozed, the major gave out the longest sentence that he had attempted in English. He pulled off his shirt and said to the American: "I have mooch lice."

The editor who put the pieces in the paper that stirred up anger got shot and killed by a woman. This did not occur in the West. It happened in Paris. We will have to revise our ideas both as human nature in Paris, and as to the ability of the French women to shoot a revolver.

They say that the Mexican people firmly believe that if it were not for Texas that Mexico would have no trouble in overcoming the United States, but that they are afraid of the Texans.

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We seriously object to our contemporary, the editor of the Pocahontas Independent, writing editorials upon the ways of the women. He had one last week about gadding. This means to roam idly from home for diversion or curiosity. Our friend, the editor, is an old bachelor, and before he gets license to discourse learned upon his favorite subject, it will be necessary for him to expend two dollars at the court-house and a small honorarium upon some worthy parson. Having qualified himself he then might a tale unfold which would harrow up the soul and make each separate hair stand on end, like quills upon the fretful porcupine. But by that time he has discretion enough to let all criticism of the unfair sex alone.

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Having sold my farm, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder at my place on Stony Creek

TUES., MARCH 31, 1914

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A two year old colt
2 fresh cows
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24 head good young ewes; the income from 18 of the ewes was \$7.43 per head last year
2 yearling hogs
1 road wagon, practically new
Spring wagon, 2 horse sled, mowing machine, buggy rake, two hillside plows, double shovel plow, one double A harrow
A set of work harness, one set of double driving harness, one set of single buggy harness as good as new
1 set of blacksmith tools, consisting of forge, post drill and bits, set of die plates, anvil, vice, hammers, tongs, pinchers, etc., a complete set
A lot of potatoes
A cider mill and one corn sheller
A \$60 Blue Bell cream separator
A \$60 sewing machine
One 14 gallon brass kettle and spider, one 6 gallon brass kettle, one 2 gallon brass kettle
Household and kitchen furniture
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It would seem that a man prominent enough to be elected to Congress should have an average amount of sense, but it is pretty well proved that one of them at the least was talking "concentrated nonsense" last week, and that another who accused the President of having gone over to the English was "skating on thin ice."

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Our patriotic Irish friend in last week's Times says that Ireland is divided into five parts: Ulster, Leinster, Connaught, Munster and Meath. That is like saying old Virginia is divided into three parts, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pocahontas. Our book gives Meath as a county in Leinster.

To our country: "The Lord bless thee and keep thee: The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee PEACE."

Now is the time to take the injunction of Pliny to heart: "Neither fear nor provoke a war."

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Friday, the 10th day of April, 1914

at the front door of the Court House of Pocahontas County, at public auction to the highest bidder the following lands:

First. A tract of land containing 298 1-10 acres situated on Williams River, being the land conveyed to F. P. Patterson by J. N. White and wife. This tract is fine grazing land, in good condition and well fenced.

Second. A tract containing 454 acres situated in Pocahontas County, near Dunmore. This is fine farming and grazing land; has upon it good dwelling house and outbuildings. The land is fertile. A part of this tract has upon it some fine timber. The Commissioner is directed by the decree to offer this separately, and also as a whole and accept the largest bid. This tract is located convenient to churches and schools, and would make a fine home for any one, but it will be sold subject to the life estate of Rachel A. Patterson therein.

Terms of Sale

Sufficient cash in hand to pay expenses of sale and costs of suit, and the residue upon a credit of six, twelve and eighteen months from day of sale, purchaser to execute bonds for the deferred payments, bearing interest from date, with good personal security, and the title to the lands to be retained as ultimate security.

L. M. McCLINTIC,
Special Commissioner.

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